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THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make the document of record in the application.

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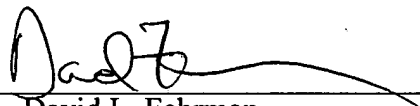
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